

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting the United States Senators of the State of South Dakota to support the floor vote and nomination of judicial nominee Miguel Estrada.

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2001, President Bush nominated Miguel A. Estrada to fill a vacancy on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada's credentials go uncontested beginning with his mastery of the English language and American culture upon his arrival to the United States as an immigrant from Honduras, and his graduation *magna cum laude* from Columbia University and Harvard Law School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada has received support from liberal and conservative colleagues alike who attest that he is one of the most brilliant and effective appellate lawyers in the country; and

WHEREAS, organizations who support Mr. Estrada include the League of United Latin American Citizens; United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Hispanic National Bar Association; Hispanic Business Roundtable; and The Latino Coalition; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada would be the first Hispanic in the country to sit on the United States Court of Appeals District of Columbia Circuit - an important and prestigious position within the nation's Court of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, over a year-and-a-half has passed without a vote on the Senate floor. The Senate Judiciary Committee has issued a favorable report to the United States Senate yet because of partisan politics Democratic Senators threaten to filibuster a Senate floor vote:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Seventy-eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature of the State of South Dakota requests our United States Senators in the United States Congress work to allow a vote on the floor of the United States Senate on the appointment of Miguel Estrada.

Adopted by the Senate,  
Concurred in by the House of Representatives,

March 05, 2003  
March 07, 2003

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Dennis Daugaard  
President of the Senate

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Patricia Adam  
Secretary of the Senate

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Matthew Michels  
Speaker of the House

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Karen Gerdes  
Chief Clerk of the House